

REMARKS

In the above-identified case, a Notice of Allowance dated February 18, 2004, has been received, but the Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

An amendment pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312(a) is herewith submitted because a review of the Examiner's amendment of claim 33 shows that the word of was inadvertently deleted in the third paragraph of the claim.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully Submitted,



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